

“The Environmental Protection Agency will review all new information concerning health or environmental studies which may affect public health and the environment. The EPA was notified today that a report was released by McDermott and Hailer regarding findings of elevated levels of zinc, manganese and copper in infant meconium found with newborn infants in the Butte, Montana. EPA will work with our state and local partners to review the McDermott and Hailer study to determine if further studies are necessary to protect human health and the environment in the Butte community.”

We are closely examining the Hailer and McDermott study on regarding findings of elevated levels of zinc, manganese and copper in infant meconium found with newborn infants in the Butte, Montana. We are requesting from Hailer and McDermont the raw data and the samples used to verify the accuracy of their report. The Environmental Protection Agency takes all science seriously which impacts human health and the environment.